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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for APPARATUS FOR MAKING A STREAM OF TOBACCO SHREDS by:

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Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

Specification, claims and abstract.  
 Two (2) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3).  
 Information Disclosure Statement and cited reference.  
 Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No. 199 01 087.0 filed January 14, 1999, the certified copy of which is enclosed.

A Declaration executed by the inventor and the required filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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